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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS BEGIN WITH VIOLENCE

1. SUMMARY. AMONG THE OTHER SYMPTOMS OF SPRINGTIME: FLOWERS, WARMER WEATHER; ETC., THIS PAST WEEKEND MARKED WITH A BANG THE BEGINNING OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN NAPLES AND THE OUTBREAK CAME ENTIRELY TOO CLOSE TO HOME. A FASCIST MOB SACKED A PCI SECTION LOCATED HALF A BLOCK FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL. HOWEVER, NO ATTENTION WHATEVER WAS PAID TO THE CONSULATE AND THIS IS A GOOD SIGN
2. WHAT BEGAN AS A LEGAL DEMONSTRATION BY NEAPOLITAN FASCIST ELEMENTS AGAINST HIGH PRICES DISSOLVED IN VIOLENCE THIS PAST WEEKEND. AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF A PETITION AGAINST THE RISING COST OF LIVING AT THE PREFETTURA THE FASCIST GROUP SPLIT INTO TWO

PARTS; THE MAIN GROUP RETURNING TO THE MSI HEADQUARTERS IN PIAZZA DANTE. ON THE WAY IT ENCOUNTERED A SOMEWHAT LARGER GROUP OF EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY LEFTISTS APPARENTLY RETURNING FROM A DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR OWN. A PITCHED BATTLE ENSUED WHICH SAW BOTH SIDES THROWING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS AT THE OTHER. SURPRISINGLY, INJURIES WERE LIMITED TO A FEW CLUBBING VICTIMS. POLICE ARRESTED FOUR LEFTISTS.

3. THE OTHER, SMALLER, HALF OF THE MSI PROCESSION, UNAWARE OF THESE EVENTS, WORKED ITS WAY ACROSS THE CITY ATTACKING TWO DIFFERENT OFFICES OF A PCI SECTION. THE SECOND OF THESE OFFICES IS LOCATED WITHIN A 100 METERS OF THE CONGEN AND IT WAS HERE THAT THE MAJOR
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ENCOUNTER TOOK PLACE. THE FASCIST GANG, NUMBERING ABOUT 50 ATTACKED THE PCI SECTION, CAUSING HEAVY DAMAGE TO BOTH THE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING AND SEVERELY BEATING THE SECRETARY OF THE SECTION, ONE OF FOUR PCI MEMBERS IN THE SECTION AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK. POLICE BROKE UP THE ASSAULT WITH TEAR GAS AND MADE THREE MSI ARRESTS.

4. DURING THIS ACTION, A LITERAL "STONE-THROW" FROM THE CONSULATE,

OUR POLICE GUARD FOLLOWED STANDING ORDERS AND DID NOT INTERVENE OR
MAKE ANY MOVE. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE CONSULATE BUILDING ATTRACTED
NO ATTENTION. COLANTONIO

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